

HIS SISTER SAVED HIM.

Charles De Pue Acquitted of
Murdering Pietsch.

VERDICT WAS "NOT GUILTY."

JURY BELIEVED THE STORY OF
ATTEMPTED BETRAYAL TOLD
BY BESSIE.

THIS MAKES DE PUE A HERO.

Instead of the Highwayman Depicted
by the Prosecution, the Jury Be-
lieved He Avenged an In-
sult to His Sister.

Charles De Pue is free—saved by his sis-
ter.

Tuesday morning he was acquitted of the
murder of Morris Pietsch by a jury in Judge
Pittcraft's division of the Circuit Court.
The trial for the crime began last Wed-
nesday, and the evidence was such that few
believed the young man would escape the
gallows, particularly as the defense seemed
at sea.

Witness after witness failed to show
anything in the young man's favor, and
there was a weak attempt at a self-defense
plea, then at one of insanity.

Saturday afternoon, as told exclusively in
the Post-Dispatch, the entire line of de-
fense was changed.

Bessie De Pue took the stand and told
the jury that Morris Pietsch, the old grocer,
had twice insulted her. Each time she told
her brother.

The last insult and the last complaint, she
said, happened on Nov. 10, 1896.
That night Pietsch was killed.

That the girl, a beautiful brunette, im-
pressed the jury, was evident at the time,
but no one thought the twelve men gave
such weight to her words as to acquit him.

They evidently believed implicitly what
she related and that the boy Charles was
a hero.

His acquittal was a surprise to everyone.
When the jury filed into court at 10:30
o'clock Tuesday morning, and announced
that they had agreed upon a verdict, the
defendant was brought in and took a seat
beside his counsel. He was as calm as
collected in manner as during the entire
trial, and his pale, bloodless face exhib-
ited no trace of anxiety as to the verdict.

He preserved the same demeanor when the
clerk read the verdict of acquittal, and
was probably the most unmoved person in
the room when the words restoring him to
liberty were pronounced.

De Pue stood up, in response to the sug-
gestion of Judge Pittcraft, who said that
in accordance with the verdict of the jury
it only remained for the court to order his
discharge from court.

As the jury filed out of the court-room
De Pue stood near them and thanked each
in turn for their consideration of his case.
Then he shook hands with his attorneys and
with Assistant Circuit Attorney Cramer.

Then he stepped up to the bench and
shook hands with Judge Pittcraft, and thanked
him, and was given a moment to pass by
some advice by the judge, who cautioned
him to restrain his temper in future and
conduct himself as a useful and upright
citizen.

While De Pue was thus employed, his
mother and sister, who occupied seats with
the spectators, could hardly restrain their
excitement to rush forward and embrace
the son and brother. The moment he passed
the enclosure into the aisle his mother ran
forward and kissed him affectionately.

His sister, with a radiant look of supreme
happiness upon her pretty face, threw her
arms about his neck and almost smothered
him with embraces. A crowd of friends
surged about the little group, offering their
sincere congratulations, temporarily in-
terrupting the proceedings of court. The deputy
sheriff were obliged to use their best ef-
forts to clear the room and allow the court
to resume business.

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tice.

HANGING IN THE ELEVATOR SHAFT.

Suicide of George J. Fritsch,
a Furniture Dealer.

DEAD WHEN THEY FOUND HIM.

BODY WAS DANGLING FROM A
ROPE IN HIS STORE ON
BROADWAY.

DESPONDENT OVER BUSINESS.

One of the Leading Merchants of South
St. Louis and Very Highly
Esteemed by All Who
Knew Him.

George J. Fritsch committed suicide
Tuesday.

His dead body was found dangling from
a rope in the elevator shaft at his store
shortly after 1 o'clock.

The body was cold and must have been
hanging for several hours. It was accident-
ally discovered by the porter.

The porter attempted to run the elevator.
It didn't start, and, glancing up the shaft,
the porter saw his employer hanging dead
from a rope.

Help was summoned, the body cut down
and the Coroner notified.

Mr. Fritsch was one of the leading busi-
ness men of South St. Louis. He was in
the furniture business at 1509 South Broad-
way and was thought by his competitors
and friends to enjoy a prosperous trade.

After it was known that he had com-
mitted suicide, it was said by some that he
was being pressed by creditors and for a
week or more had been bending all his en-
ergies to raise money.

It is thought that he could no longer
withstand the pressure, and becoming de-
spendent and discouraged resolved to end
his life with death.

He was 38 years old and married, residing
at 1432 South Second street.

Mr. Fritsch leaves six small children.

THERE'S MANY A SLIP.

The Ice Causes More Than One Bone to
Break.

J. H. Burns, 4223 North Second street,
stepped from a doorstep Monday night and
rolled onto the sidewalk. His face and hands
were scratched and his collar-bone broken.
He sustained internal injuries. Dr. Peake
of the North End Dispensary said they were
serious.

Joseph Schnell fell on the sidewalk at
Twenty-first and Deshoban streets Mon-
day. His wrist and ankle were sprained and
several ribs were broken. He was patched
up at the North End Dispensary by Dr.
Randall and sent to his home, 2000 South
Second street.

Patrick Conroy, carpenter, 2000 Eugenia
street, stepped out of his second-story win-
dow on the porch roof to take in articles
set out there to keep cool. His foot slipped
from under him. He fell heavily to the
ground, fifteen feet below.

He was taken to the City Dispensary
where Dr. Newcomb found his left shoulder
was dislocated and his clavicle fractured.
After temporary treatment he was sent to
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THE FIGHTING WAR LORD.



"Hold up your hands!" cries Bombastes
Furioso;
"I'm an Awful Terror to such little
chaps as you;
In the art of bullying I'm a virtuoso,
And I add to my dominions when I've
nothing else to do—
I'm a wonder with my warships when
the enemy's are few.

"Down on your marrow-bones, humbly
beg my pardon!
I slaughter men for breakfast and I'm
ready to begin;
Hand to me your pocketbooks or my heart
will harden
And I'll cut you into little bits, and do
it with a grin—
Yes, I'll chop you into mince-meat when
I once have started in.

"None of your excuses—I am in a hurry;
Pony up your money, or I'll turn your
pistols loose;
You have fooled too long with me, now's
your time to worry.
Although crying over milk that's split
is seldom any use—
If you first hand over all your own I'll
then hear your excuse."

N. A. J.

VONDY SELLS HART.

HE IS SAID TO HAVE ALSO SOLD
OUT HIS WHOLE CLUB
TO BRUSH.

THE LATTER IS COMING HERE.

Boston, Washington and Other League
Clubs Hot on the Trail of the
St. Louis Players.

The Post-Dispatch stated yesterday that
Von der Ahe was trying to sell his play-
ers, at retail, to the highest bidder and
for cash only.

Proof of the truth of the above state-
ment came to-day when Vondy sold the
release of Pitcher Billy Hart to Pittsburg,
receiving in return \$1,800 in cash and that
very poor pitcher, Hughes.

This morning there was a report cur-
rent that the whole St. Louis club had
been sold. But those who heard this said
it was the sale of Hart that had set the
rumor going.

Secretary Muckenfuss, who was met on
the street, was asked if Vondy had really

sold out all his players, and replied:
"I have just received a telephone mes-
sage from him to the effect that several
parties want the club, but I am not at
liberty to give the club, but I am not at
liberty to give the details. Two local syn-
dicates are after the property and a deal
will undoubtedly be closed in a day or
two."

"If you want any further particulars
you will have to go to Von der Ahe, as
I am not at liberty to give them."

Von der Ahe was called up by telephone
and replied that he had nothing to say.
It is known positively that he has sold
Hart to Pittsburg on the terms named.

A dispatch from Cincinnati stated that
John T. Brush would leave there to-night
and that he was coming to St. Louis to buy
Vondy out.

So the deal said to have been closed this
morning may have been on with Brush and
he is probably coming over to complete it.
One of the gentlemen interested in the
St. Louis syndicate formed to purchase the
club said:

"The talk of Brush coming here to buy
the club is simply a bluff to force us to
buy. But it won't work. Our offer of
\$10,000 is the best bidding lively for them.
The other League managers having heard
that Von der Ahe was selling his players
at retail are now bidding lively for them.
Boston has offered Gansel and Stivets
and \$5,000 for Clements and Taylor, and
the Washington management has offered no
less than nine of their scrub players for
all the deals will be closed in a day or
two judging only by the rapid sale of Hart
which was made today."

A close friend of Vondy said to-day: "He
is determined to get out of the business by
New Year's day and before that if possi-
ble."

This accounts for his willingness to pay
cash for them.

SURROUNDED BY TURKS.

Arabs Who Made a Demonstration at
Tripoli.

TRIPOLI, Dec. 21.—Several thousand
Arabs who had been making a demon-
stration outside the gates of this place have
been surrounded by Turkish troops. The
shops of the city are closed and the Arab
agitation against the Government is in-
creasing. There were disturbances on Dec.
17 at Amrus, near here. All the houses in-
habited by Hebrews were pillaged. Thirty
of the rioters were arrested by the troops.

THE WEATHER FORECAST.

PARTLY CLOUDY;
WARMER WEDNESDAY.

For St. Louis and vicinity—Partly cloudy
Tuesday night; Wednesday fair, slightly
warmer.

For Missouri—Generally fair Tuesday night
and Wednesday; slightly warmer Wednesday
morning.

For Illinois—Generally fair Tuesday night
and Wednesday; slightly warmer in the north
portion Wednesday.

The Mississippi River is blocked at Grafton.
The temperature has fallen generally and de-
cidedly, except in the Northwest and the Gulf
and Atlantic States.

MISS HERBERT LEAPS TO DEATH FROM A THIRD-STORY WINDOW.

Suicide of the Elder Daughter of the Ex-Secretary of
the Navy at Her Home in Washington.

SHE WAS A PREY TO MELANCHOLIA.

Determined to Die, She Had Severed Her Wrist With a
Pair of Scissors Before Taking the Leap
from the Window.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—Miss
Lela Herbert, aged 24, daughter of Hil-
ary A. Herbert, Secretary of the Navy
in Cleveland's cabinet, committed suicide
this afternoon by jumping from the third
story of her home in New Hampshire
avenue.

Miss Herbert was injured some time ago
by a horseback accident in Alabama, and
has not been well since.

It had been Miss Herbert's custom for
several years to take her breakfast in
her room and later prepare for the social
obligations of the day. Shortly before 10
o'clock she dressed to go down stairs, but
instead of descending to the parlor, went
to the rear room of the third story of
her home, whence she fell to the ground,
sustaining injuries which caused her death
before Dr. Johnston could arrive. Her
father was not at home at the time, be-
ing on his way here from Alabama.

The death was reported to the police
headquarters as a case of suicide, due to
melancholia and temporary aberration of
mind, as the result of a long illness, but
some friends of the family still believe that
the fall was the result of an accident.

This afternoon the following authorized
statement was made by a gentleman fa-
miliar with all of the facts of the suicide:
"Miss Herbert at the time of the occur-
rence was suffering from acute melancholia.
It developed several weeks ago as the final
result of injuries received by being thrown
from her horse last spring."

"The melancholia was not insanity in the
sense of being accompanied by delusions.
At the time there was profound depression,
as is always the case in this type of dis-
ease, and there was danger that suicidal
tendencies would develop. For this reason
nurses were provided to maintain the
closest watchfulness. No suicidal ten-
dencies developed, however, until yesterday,
when for the first time Miss Herbert made
an attempt to get out of the window, but
was restrained by the nurse. This led to
additional caution, and two nurses alter-
nated in constant watchfulness. She was
at all times rational, quiet and gentle, and
it was supposed the disease would yield to
treatment. Early this morning the nurse
on duty noticed a small spot of blood on
the bed covering. She inquired what it
meant, but the invalid endeavored to pass
it off lightly. On making an investigation,
however, the nurse found the under bed
clothes were saturated with blood and that
Miss Herbert had severed the artery of her
wrist with a pair of scissors. Feeling that
the emergency was great the nurse hast-
ened to the door and gave an alarm. In this
momentary withdrawal from the bedside,
Miss Herbert leaped out and sprang from
the window. The plunge was made head-
first, so that she landed on the top of her
head on the pavement. This injury alone
was sufficient to have caused her death
from concussion of the brain and it was
doubtless the immediate cause. Aside from
this a cursory examination indicated that
the skull was fractured. The
severing of the artery would also have re-

sulted fatally. When the physician reached
her Miss Herbert was still breathing, but
died about an hour after the leap."

The Coroner returned a verdict of sui-
cide during temporary insanity. As the
facts in the case were clear he decided
that an inquest was unnecessary.

The sudden death and tragic features
surrounding it were a great shock to the
great circle of friends she had made in the
course of her life in Washington as the
daughter of a popular representative in
Congress from the South and later as one
of the Cabinet circle of ladies when she
presided over her father's household dur-
ing the four years he was Secretary of the
Navy under the last Cleveland adminis-
tration.

Her death was traceable indirectly to an
accident while horseback riding in her na-
tive State of Alabama about two months
ago. She always had been enthusiastically
fond of riding and while paying a visit to
her old home, started home on a horse
that had not been broken. It stumbled and
she was thrown violently to the ground, sus-
taining severe injuries to her back. She
was brought back to Washington, but re-
covery was exceedingly slow and it was
not until last Sunday that she was able to
go out of the house.

On that day she went driving for the
first time since the accident and Dr. W.
Johnson, the attending physician, no-
ticed considerable improvement. This
morning she was unusually bright and
cheerful and chatted animatedly with her
married sister, Mrs. M'Cool, who made her
home with the ex-Secretary and his daugh-
ter.

Miss Herbert was one of the best-known
young ladies of Washington. When her
father, Hillary A. Herbert, was appointed
Secretary of the Navy by President Cleve-
land, being a widower, his house was pre-
sided over by his daughter. She was a very
pretty girl, with soft, fluffy blonde hair and
correct features, brightened by an en-
gaging smile in conversation. She was a typ-
ical, thoroughly modern Southern girl. She
loved quaint, old-fashioned dresses, and fre-
quently wore them in the afternoon and
evening. Miss Herbert was the youngest
woman in the Cabinet circle, but long expe-
rienced in Washington society, where she
had been a belle, qualified her admirably to
preside over her father's establishment.

Miss Herbert's mother was prior to her
marriage Miss Ella Smith of Selma, still
remembered as one of the most beautiful
and fascinating women of her generation
in the South. She died in 1885. Washington
people recognized in Mrs. Herbert a leader
of society in the most perfect sense and
deferred to her in a manner enjoyed by few
wives of Representatives. She left two
daughters, the younger of whom, Miss Ella,
married two years ago Mr. Benjamin Mil-
con, a lawyer of Annapolis, Md. The elder
Miss Herbert, who to-day committed sui-
cide, was a young woman of more than or-
dinary executive ability, and as her
father's secretary, looking after the details
of his multifarious affairs and keeping well
informed on all the great public questions
of the day.

POST-DISPATCH THERMOMETER.

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8 a. m. 25 12 noon 31
9 a. m. 26 1 p. m. 32
10 a. m. 28

FOR THE POOR
OF ST. LOUIS.

Marion County Farmers Join
in a Rabbit Hunt.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

HANNIBAL, Mo., Dec. 21.—Quite a num-
ber of the Marion County farmers united
with their Monroe County friends Monday
in the big rabbit hunt for the benefit of the
poor of St. Louis. Some of the farmers
brought out their old muskets that had
not been used since the war, and it was just
impossible for a rabbit to get away from
them. The hunters formed in small par-
ties, or squads and traversed the wood-
lands and prairies in every direction. Hun-
dreds of rabbits were killed, and to-day
they were shipped to St. Louis, and will
give to the poor of that city a big Christ-
mas dinner.

BIG AUSTRALIAN FAILURE.

Land Boom Burst and C. H. James
Went Down for \$4,250,000.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A special dispatch
from Melbourne, Australia, says C. H.
James has failed for \$30,000,000 pounds (\$150,000,000). The cause of his troubles is said to
be the bursting of the land boom.

EXCHANGE DELINQUENTS.

There Are Two Hundred and Forty-
Seven in the List.

The list of delinquent members of the
Merchants' Exchange, which was posted
Tuesday, shows 247 members who are in
arrear with their annual dues.

THE GREEK, THE MATCH AND THE CELLULOID BASKET.



A cute little celluloid waste basket with
a fluted top and laced around with baby
blue ribbon, tied in the cunningest sort of
tiny bow, used to be one of the star orna-
ments in the manager's office of the Im-
perial Theater. It was too exquisite for a
waste basket, in fact, and if you could have
seen it you would now say Jannopoulo
was served just right when he nearly burnt
off one of his hands taking liberties with
the thing.

It isn't often that Jannopoulo smokes.
When he does light a weed it becomes a no-
teworthy occasion. He'll smoke less often
after this, and at that he'll not light up
until he has the Imperial office walls draped
with asbestos tapestries and the floor stud-
ded with cast-iron "cushioners."

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cigar done up in silver foil. It was one
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nati-delegencia-preferencia-principio et-
gars, too valuable to burn unless a man
can lock himself in a room, pull down the
windows, stop up the cracks in the floor
and make ready to inhale every curl and
ring of the precious incense without a draft
of outside atmosphere to come in and spoil
the aroma.

Jannopoulo isolated himself in the the-
ater office and prepared to whiff away one
half hour of rare delight. He opened a box
of wax vases, struck one kinty on a gold
sugget, which he uses for a paper-weight,
and applied it to the o. p. end of his one-
dollar straight. Getting an even glow on
the cigar, Jannopoulo softly breathed on
the wax flame after the manner of lead-
ing men who light cigarettes on the stage,
and then tossed the match into the celluloid
waste-basket.

The next second Jannopoulo didn't know

whether the Turks had suddenly opened
up on his native land and captured Greece
or what had happened. A thin, goblin-like
flame of blue shot into the air and sputtered
and shook itself, spraying little yellow and
pink globes of blazes all over the office.

Jannopoulo was locked in the room with
the streak of crackling flames, which
swayed about and seemed to chase him like
the bewitched forked lightning from the
steepest of an alchemist. Dashing his one-
dollar colorado perfectly to a remote cor-
ner, the bold Jannopoulo started in to com-
bat the fire single-handed. He reached into
the blue flame and tried to pick it up. He
couldn't grasp it. Blisters formed all over
his fingers. It occurred to him that maybe
it was the celluloid waste-basket causing
the conflagration.

Again Jannopoulo reached forth into the
flame and felt for the basket. He fished

around on the floor and could find nothing.
Then, as suddenly as the thing appeared,
the flame danced up in the air to the ceiling
and disappeared. Jannopoulo looked on the
floor. Nothing was there—no sign of a cel-
luloid waste basket. Only the charred bits
of a baby blue ribbon bow and about as
much ashes as would fall from a half-
smoked cigarette.

Jannopoulo, with great beads of perspira-
tion beading his forehead and with blis-
ters on his very eye-glasses, his mustache

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IMPERIAL—Don Caesar de Bazar.
HOPKINS—Continues.
STANDARD—Twentieth Century Males.
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STANDARD—Twentieth Century Males.

POLITICAL FOOTPADS.

In the exposure of the scheme of the Democratic Executive Committee to levy political assessments on patrolmen the Post-Dispatch laid bare the severest blow at the efficiency of the police since the reign of the unspeakable gamblers' ring. The scheme reeks with political corruption. It is especially vicious. No juggling with words and specious explanations can conceal the nature of the scheme as a measure of political blackmail which not only robs the patrolmen, but demoralizes the police department. The mailed hand of political power is concealed under the suppliant palm of the politician, and the tone of the command is veiled in the voice of entreaty. The policemen know that men who are inviting them to join the Democratic party and contribute to its support represent the power that controls their places. They know that refusal to join and contribute will be regarded as evidence of hostility to the party, or at least of uselessness in the work of building up the organization in which their superiors are interested. The mere fact that the politics of the policemen must be disclosed by the response to the invitation is vicious. The police must either lie or run the risk of dismissal by refusing to submit to political assessment. If the effect of the assessment scheme stopped with the blackmailing and robbery of the patrolmen, it would be bad enough, but it goes further. It demoralizes the force. The basis of police appointment is shifted from merit to politics. The policeman who is a member of the Democratic organization and who pays his assessment feels that he has a partisan claim to the place. He naturally expects to hold his place and earn promotion by partisan work rather than by fidelity to police duty. The municipality is deprived of honest police work. By the levying of political assessments the police department is blackmailed and corrupted and the community is wronged. It prostitutes the police department to partisan purposes and opens the way to countless abuses. If the Democratic party persists in this villainy it will be stopped from criticism of Republican abuses in municipal government. Nothing the Republicans have done or can do exceeds in viciousness this political assessment of the police.

A "CAPTAIN OF INDUSTRY."

Mr. Walter A. Wyckoff, lecturer on sociology at Princeton University, spent two years as a workman in various lines of toil. He relates part of his experience in a book—"The Workers"—which was recently reviewed in the Post-Dispatch. And in one of the concluding chapters of this book Mr. Wyckoff gives his idea of a "captain of industry." He found this paragon in a logging camp and says of him: "You have actual skill at such times of one of Carlyle's heroes, a 'captain of industry,' to whom there are no insurmountable difficulties, no 'impossibilities,' but who brings order out of chaos by the sheer force of indomitable energy." As Mr. Wyckoff is a teacher of men, it will be curious to know what sort of a man this "captain of industry" actually was. He gives us a view of him a few pages before the end from which we quoted. Wyckoff had enlisted at the logging camp and was a very green hand. This man, whom he calls Fitz-Adam, was boss. He was standing on a wagon, which Wyckoff was loading with hemlock bark. Wyckoff says: "My part was so slowly done that his own was reduced to child's play. The storm brewed for a time in grim silence, but soon it broke into angry shouts of 'Faster, faster, damn you!' and then the entire gamut of insults and excommunications."

Mr. Wyckoff confesses that never in his experience was he so soundly and horribly cursed and insulted. It was only by the utmost exertions in self-control that he kept himself from murdering this fellow. "With awful imprecations he kept urging me to faster and yet faster work."

The habit of cursing and insulting men are not in a position to retaliate. "I was in a rage and inferiority."

man succeeds in an executive position, he does so in spite of such a weakness. No man who indulges in it is a model leader of men.

Under the Dingley bill the cotton grower gets 10 cents a day and must pay Dingley prices for what he has to buy.

A NEW TRUST MOVE.

In connection with the announcement that the Cracker Trust is completed comes the statement that one of its objects will be to induce employees to invest in its stock, to give them an opportunity to safely place their savings instead of patronizing the banks. If the Cracker Trust does this and other Trusts follow the example, as if Trust employees take the bait to any large extent, we shall witness one of the most amazing examples of capitalism in the hands of the workers. The trust, which is the commercial era has produced. With the enormous fund placed in their hands out of the savings of employees, the Trusts could go ahead and more thoroughly destroy any remaining competition. With the savings of the employees in the hands of the Trust managers the employees would be completely in the power of the trusts.

Of course the Trust managers would not allow employees to hold anything but a few beggarly shares of stock apiece. They would not, unless devoid of business sense, even allow the employees a vote to control a majority of the stock. Thus the heads of the Trusts would always be in a position to manipulate the stock in their own interest. The stock owning workers would be nothing but figure-heads. They would simply enable stock gamblers to more readily fleece one another and the investing public.

A Trust with a majority of its employees holding petty amounts of its stock would be a lion with the lamb inside it.

So long as our policy is to be annexation, why cannot American capitalists hold the Chinese Government the \$30,000,000 China is asking of them and take a mortgage on Chinese territory, to be foreclosed by our new battleships in case of non-payment of interest?

It is absolutely necessary that St. Louis should save her grain trade. The steel barge line, if capable of doing what it promises, will certainly place us in the lead in grain shipments. Without it we may suffer greater losses than those already recorded.

The Kansas and Nebraska gang that has robbed twenty-six banks is broken up, but if its members are to be set at liberty as early as are criminals who rob banks from the inside, the work of the detectives might as well have been left undone.

Should the Administration accomplish no more in its coming years than it has done in its first year there will be no second term for Mr. McKinley and no first term for any other Republican.

Though we pay in pensions enough to maintain a large standing army, it is perhaps better for the country to have the drain come from a peaceful, unorganized army than one of the European sort.

It is likely that people generally are indifferent as to what party stops pension frauds. When these frauds are stopped it will be time enough to place the credit where it is due.

A President with a second term in his mind's eye cannot be expected to formulate new and doubtful policies. Besides, the Congress is expected to do something to earn its pay.

What sort of railroad management is it that permits commerce to suffer from a car famine? Are not the railroads themselves often the cause of their own troubles?

Japan will scarcely enjoy the spectacle of a European movement on China after the weakness of the Flowery Kingdom has been made plain at Japanese expense.

Repeating the falsehood that McKinley has brought prosperity, cannot make it a truth. Mr. McKinley could not, if he would, produce crop shortages in Europe.

As the Dingley tariff is not a tariff for revenue, it is in no way marvelous that it does not produce enough revenue except for its special beneficiaries.

Germany is strengthening her Russian frontier while cutting a slice from China. Have not the powers agreed upon a fair division of the Celestial Empire?

Every buyer of food should get what he pays for, and he has a right to know exactly what he is buying.

POST-DISPATCH SNAP SHOTS.

The bench being shy of a Judge, McKinley has put on McKenna. The popular verdict is "Fudge!" Much better we still hadn't any."

The saxophone yard dog that attacks a homeless and hungry man is not always so fierce when a burglar is about.

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Lewis George Clark, from whom Mrs. Stowe took her famous character of George Harris.

NEW CITY HOSPITAL IN SIGHT.

Mullanphy Fund Loan Will Crystallize In an Ordinance.

Formal steps will be taken at Tuesday evening's session of the Municipal Assembly to crystallize into legal statute the plan of Mayor Ziegenhein for the city to borrow \$200,000 from the Mullanphy fund, with which to build a city hospital.

An ordinance will be introduced authorizing the Mayor to commence legal proceedings in the Circuit Court on behalf of the city, as trustee, what disposition to make of the fund.

The suit will be a friendly one. The ordinance for the purpose has been duly considered by the Municipal directors, and yesterday agreed to through a resolution submitted by Theodore Hemmelmann, Jr., Acting President of the Mullanphy Board.

The scheme is to borrow \$200,000 in cash which the board has on hand, and \$200,000 in real estate. The city will pay interest on these bonds and provide a sinking fund which will extinguish them in twenty or twenty-five years.

Mayor Ziegenhein, along with others, some time ago realized that the city had long since outgrown the old hospital, and as intended by the testator; that it was a great public trust going to waste.

The city is in some need of a modernly equipped hospital, but the 1 per cent tax for that purpose has been levied since 1880 to commence operations for several years.

By the Mayor's plan the beneficence of Mullanphy would be turned to a double advantage in making the idle real estate bear dividends, and at the same time the city would have a new hospital building of a hospital which under ordinary circumstances would take fully half a dozen years to acquire.

MR. HUEBLER AS ST. NICK.

He Will Give Each Prisoner a Chicken Dinner With Fixings.

The prisoners in jail will celebrate Christmas this year with a far better dinner than thousands of more deserving and more unfortunate individuals throughout the city.

Jailer Huebler is already figuring on the prisoners who will be in the jail on Christmas day. He has decided on giving each prisoner a chicken dinner with fixings. He will use the money for the purpose of giving each prisoner a chicken dinner with fixings. He will use the money for the purpose of giving each prisoner a chicken dinner with fixings.

One hundred and fifty chickens will be slaughtered to line the stomachs of the jail occupants of the jail.

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MRS. WALTER WAS LET GO.

Court Rules If She Called Mrs. Paige Names She Was Provoked.

Mrs. Oliver B. Walter keeps a grocery at 412 North Bridge road. Next door is a butcher shop owned by Mrs. Martin S. Paige. Both sold the same kind of goods and a rivalry sprang up between the two.

The colored people in the neighborhood patronized Mrs. Walter, and this, it is said, was the cause of the rivalry.

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JUDGE PEABODY WOULDN'T ACT.

Sent Sixty-Six Pool-Room Cases to His Friend, Stevenson.

There were sixty-six pool-room cases on the docket in the Second District Court Monday. The change of venue from the First District Court was made on Judge Peabody's own order. Neither attorney for the defense nor the prosecution knew of his action.

A motion was filed by Attorneys Bass and Noland to the effect that Judge Stevenson had no jurisdiction to try the cases, as their transfer to his court was made without his consent. The judge refused to grant the motion, and the cases were tried before him.

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POLICE WHISTLES, SOUND.

But the Burglars Sought For Were Not Found.

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PRISONERS ARRAIGNED.

Forty-Seven of Them Plead Before Judge Filtratt.

There was an arraignment of prisoners in Judge Filtratt's court Tuesday morning. Forty-seven prisoners were brought before the bar. Seven of them were charged with having stolen horses and buggies. All the prisoners except one pleaded not guilty to the charges against them. George Stary, charged with burglary, pleaded guilty, and was allowed to plead guilty to grand larceny, and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

The Christmas Post-Dispatch.

Last Sunday's St. Louis Post-Dispatch was one of the wonders and beauties of newspaperdom. The first bright, noticeable feature was the colored illustrations, thirty-two in number, that were gems of art and things of beauty. Then followed thirty-eight more pages of news and matter of interest, a great deal of which was illustrated. This all made up a big bundle of seventy pages of as choice reading as could be gathered together. The Post-Dispatch is a great daily and a great weekly.

KNOB NOSTER WILL WEEP.

Benjamin Franklin's Kite String Yanked by a Bogus Detective.

Benjamin Franklin Watson of Knob Noster, Johnson County, Mo., arrived in the city Tuesday morning on his way home from Shelbyville, Ill., where he has been working on a farm for several months.

His savings of \$200, which he had been saving for a long time, were in his pocket. One block from the Union Station he was approached by an officer, who told him that he was a detective, and that he had been following him for some time.

Benjamin accepted, and was escorted to a saloon at Fourteenth and Chestnut streets, where a dice game was in progress. A twinkling eye was turned to him, and he was told that he was a detective, and that he had been following him for some time.

A bogus detective threatened to arrest him for gambling, and Watson took to his heels, leaving his savings of \$200 in the hands of the bogus detective. He reported the matter to the police.

More Mills Reduce Wages.

SOUTH RIDGE, Mass., Dec. 21.—Notices have been posted at the Fiskdale Cotton Mill in Southridge, Mass., that the wages of the mill hands will be lowered. The notices do not state the amount of the reduction, but it is understood that it will be between 5 and 7 per cent. It is thought the cut down will be made.

LOVE ON ONE LEG FALLS TO MAKE A KANSAS WIDOW.

Mr. Reuben Lane's Long Tramp for a 60-Year-Old Bride.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 21.—Reuben Lane walked 507 miles on crutches, from Hamsborough, Pa., to wed a widow, only to find on his arrival here that he was jilted. Reuben is disheartened, he is not wholly dismayed. He has engaged a lawyer and will bring an action at law for breach of promise against Mrs. Eliza Ann Parker. Reuben made the acquaintance of Mrs. Parker by mail, through the medium of a matrimonial advertisement.

A correspondence was commenced between Mr. Lane, who is hale, hearty and 31, and the widow, who is 60 years of age. The widow claimed that Lane was not what he represented himself to be and

even then, as he very satisfactorily demonstrated by walking with his crutches the entire distance from Hamsborough to Topeka, a distance of 507 miles.

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URGENT APPEAL TO ST. LOUISANS BY THE SALVATION ARMY.

Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars Needed at Once to Make That Big Christmas Dinner a Success—Contribution Boxes Will Be Held at Street Corners Again Thursday.

AN URGENT APPEAL.

To the Readers of the Post-Dispatch: Donations of cash and provisions are coming in fairly well, but if we are to feed the number of people we had hoped to, we must have \$250 more in cash without fail by Thursday night, so that we can purchase our provisions Friday morning. Surely the liberal-hearted men and women of St. Louis will now hasten to provide the poor with a good square meal on Christmas Day. To-day about thirty people asked us for help—If only for a piece of bread. Will you help at once? Send checks to the Editor of the Post-Dispatch or to me. Provisions can be sent directly to 1411 Franklin avenue. Yours to help the poor, C. MILES, Major.

Contributions Not Previously Acknowledged.

O. S. Whitlaw..... \$5.00
Mrs. W. H. Van..... \$2.25
Mrs. J. H. Crowley..... \$2.25
From a gentleman..... 10.00
Total..... \$20.25

The near approach of Christmas brings busy days and nights to the Salvation Army. Preliminary incident to the great dinner for the poor make heavy demands upon Maj. Miles and his unselfish staff of helpers.

Additional funds are absolutely necessary to the success of the dinner.

Immediate response is of the utmost importance. The call is imperative.

The story of the Salvation Army's noble undertaking has been told in the Post-Dispatch and the public is familiar with the effort to give the worthy poor a Christmas dinner.

Maj. Miles, in command of the St. Louis army, hopes to feed from 10,000 to 15,000 hungry persons. To do so requires money. While contributions have been coming in, there is a lack of funds that must be made good at once, or the scope of the great movement will be so abridged that on Christmas Day hundreds of expectant fathers, mothers and children will be turned away.

In the name of the destitute, the Salvation Army solicits money from the charitable public.

Remittances sent to the Post-Dispatch or to Maj. Miles, 1411 Franklin avenue, will receive proper acknowledgment. Every cent thus contributed will be used in providing a Christmas dinner for persons who are without food or fuel and with but their garments to protect them from the wintry wind.

At the last accounting the cash contributions aggregated \$17.54. This includes \$19.25 received from various sources on Monday.

DAY OF THE CRUCIFIXION.

Father Phelan Disagrees With Dr. Shearer's Statements.

Fr. Phelan of the Western Watchman does not believe that Christ was crucified on Thursday. He does not believe the theory of Rev. Dr. Shearer, as published in Monday's Post-Dispatch.

"There is nothing new in this argument," said Fr. Phelan, "and there is nothing in it and never was. Dr. Shearer simply has overlooked the fact that in Jewish computation of time the day begins in the evening, just as our ecclesiastical day, down to the present time, begins at vesper's evening before."

"The Lord's Supper was, of course, eaten at night. 'And in the evening cometh the twelve.' The argument that Christ did not eat of the Paschal lamb, because the word lamb is not mentioned, is somewhat far-fetched. The biblical account by Mark speaks of killing the paslover and the question is asked, 'Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the paslover?' Christ then sends two of his disciples, with instructions as to the selection of the place where the paslover is to be eaten."

"Dr. Shearer's argument that the supper was eaten on the 13th day of Nisan, instead of the 14th, is erroneous. It was on the evening of the 13th by our reckoning, but that was the beginning of the 14th day of Nisan, according to the Jewish computation."

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HIS HAND TORN TO SHREDS.

Wire Rope Workman Twenhoeft Seriously Injured.

The right hand of George Twenhoeft, aged 23, employed at the Laclede Wire Rope Co., 221 Bremen avenue, caught in the twining machinery Tuesday morning. It was torn into shreds. Twenhoeft was taken to the North End Dispensary, where Dr. Paulley said that amputation would be necessary. He forwarded Twenhoeft to the Rebecca Hospital, at Grand avenue and Caroline street.

HORSES AGAIN IN DEMAND.

The Supply Was Curtailed by Retiring Stock Farmers.

Over 400 horses and 300 mules were received at the Union Stock Yards last week. They will be auctioned off Tuesday. Mr. J. F. Hilgert, stock yards manager, states that the demand for horses is rapidly increasing. He predicted that it was unlikely that the demand would be met by the stock men throughout the West and North, despite their interests. This has resulted in a decreased supply. It is now below the demand. I expect to see a rise of over 50 per cent in the value of horses within one or two years.

Take the Illinois Central through sleeper for Jacksonville, Fla.

CHICAGO FIRM IN ST. LOUIS.

Butler Bros. Dry Goods Merchants, Will Open Here, TO GET SOUTHWESTERN TRADE.

THE POOR OLD WINDY CITY IS SIDE-TRACKED BY THE VALLEY METROPOLIS.

CAN ONLY COMPETE BY MOVING.

The New House Has Leased for a Long Term the Ely-Walker Stand on Washington Avenue and Is Fitting Up.

H. P. Knapp and H. A. Stillwell arrived in St. Louis from Chicago Tuesday morning. They are representatives of Butler Bros. of Chicago, the big wholesale firm which will soon open a big house here.

They were busy Tuesday morning conferring with fixture dealers and fitting and making arrangements to get the big building they have leased in readiness for occupancy. The St. Louis home of Butler Bros. will be the big structure on Washington avenue, west of Eleventh street, now occupied by the Ely-Walker Dry Goods Co.

Mr. Knapp will manage the St. Louis house.

"On this trip I expect to remain in St. Louis three or four days," he said. "We have already leased the building, but there are many details to be looked after. We shall stock the seven floors with a complete line of department store goods, and expect to be ready for business March 1. I shall become a St. Louisan, and expect to vote here as soon as they will let me."

"We found the necessity for opening a house in St. Louis imperative. We simply could not sell the Western and Southwestern trade from our Chicago headquarters. Customers from the West on their buying tours would always be side-tracked in St. Louis. They would not pass through St. Louis and go to Chicago."

"In many instances they would go out of their way to buy in St. Louis, despite all of the inducements we could hold out. We figured that if the trade would not come to us we must be on the ground when it stopped over in St. Louis."

"St. Louis is the coming town. Even now it has the call on the trade of the South and Southwest and it is encroaching steadily on the territory which a few years ago was considered tributary to Chicago."

The firm of Butler Bros. has \$1,500,000 capital and maintains large establishments in Chicago and New York.

The house in St. Louis will give employment to 140 men.

CABANNE PLACE PROTESTS.

The Council Committee Will Digest It If Possible Before Nightfall.

Both houses of the Municipal Assembly will take a recess after Tuesday evening's sessions until after the holidays.

The House calendar has no bills of pressing importance upon it. It is waiting on the Council to act on the new street lighting ordinance, and the Cabanne Place Railway franchise measures may be reported to the Council at to-day's session.

The Committee on Railroads after two preliminary hearings of the Cabanne Place bill took it under advisement. The opponents of the grade were hopeful of a speedy decision, and the committee intimated that it would probably reach a conclusion. The disposition made of the Cabanne place bill will most likely have an important bearing on the four other street railway bills yet to be considered by the Council.

The principal one of these is the Hamilton and Baden franchise which, like the Cabanne place bill, is backed by the Lindell road. By its route it seeks to belt the northern half of the city from its limits on the west through a central line to the river. Both the Cabanne place and Hamilton and Baden bills provide for perpetual charters without compensation for the privileges accorded.

FACE HUMORS

Pimples, blotches, blackheads, red, rough, oily, mothy skin, itching, scaly scalp, dry, thin, and falling hair, and hairy face, are cured by CUTICURA SOAP, the most effective skin purifying and beautifying soap in the world, as well as purest and sweetest for toilet, bath, and nursery.

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EVERY HUMOR

WORD CONTEST CAUSES TROUBLE.

President of the Cremoline Soap Co. Arrested.

TAKEN INTO FEDERAL COURT.

CHARGE OF MISUSE OF THE MAILS MADE BY POST-OFFICE INSPECTORS.

HE DENIES HIS GUILT.

Says That Although the Prizes of Gold and Silver Have Not Been Sent Out They Will Be Distributed.

Jesse T. Baker was arrested at noon Tuesday and taken before United States Commissioner Gray, charged with using the United States mails for a scheme to defraud.

The city directory says that Mr. Baker is president of the Cannon Chemical Co., 11 North Main street. His residence is 4039 West Bell place. Some of his stationery indicates that he is president of the Cremoline Soap Company, with offices at 11 North Main street.

The case against him was developed by Postal Inspector William L. Reid, who says Baker's scheme was extensive and successful. It is not altogether new.

It is alleged in the information, drawn by Assistant United States Attorney Coffey, that Mr. Baker caused advertisements to be inserted in numerous newspapers offering a series of prizes to persons sending in the largest list of words that could be formed from the letters in the word "Cremoline." The person sending in the largest list should receive \$1,000; the next, \$250, and so on down to \$25. The prizes were to be paid in gold. Then to the persons sending in the seven next largest lists would be given a silver tea service.

The specific charge is based on a letter mailed to M. A. Lang, 180 Lyndale avenue, Minneapolis. This letter, a copy of which is embodied in the information, informed Mr. Lang that he had won one of the handsome silver sets, but in accordance with the terms of the advertisement he should remit \$3 for soap.

Mr. Lang sent the letter to the postal authorities here. Other letters of a similar character came in from all quarters. The postal authorities investigated. They claim that the cash prizes were never distributed at all and that the whole thing was based on misrepresentations.

"Mr. Baker was seen in the Commissioner's office. There is nothing in this charge," he said. "Of course I fulfilled my part of the contract. The Postal Inspector got mad because we would not tell him all about our business and he wants to make us trouble. Mr. Baker was told that the Commissioner alleged that the contest was to have closed Aug. 17, 1897. He said that any of the cash prizes had been awarded."

They have been won, but not sent out yet. We will attend to that."

His attorney, Mr. Skinner, interrupted and told his client not to talk. Mr. Baker would answer to more questions. The hearing was set for Dec. 30.

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Xmas Tree Ornaments—200 (no more) Boxes will be sold for the 2 hours at, per box, a beggarly penny—1c

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No Time for Long Stories Now!

Nearly everything in Holiday Goods, Toys and Dolls are REDUCED IN PRICE to clear out by Xmas. Every department has some relation to the holidays. No other store in St. Louis offers such values—these prices and bargains prove it. Come in the morning or after 5 p. m.—it'll be more pleasant—for you.

25c Steam Engines—work easy and're good wearers—while they last.....	15c	79c Dolls—Kid Body—18 inches tall—open and shut choice while they last.....	45c
50c Large and beautiful Dressed Dolls—while they last.....	19c	\$1.25 Horse and Wagon—double seat—handsome and enduring.....	75c
39c Large size Iron Stoves—while they last.....	19c	98c Natural—like (skin) Horses on wheels—while they last.....	59c
50c Magic Lanterns—24 to 36 fine views—large size, complete every way—while they last.....	29c	\$1.25 Notalophen—sweet sounding, while they last.....	69c
50c Rubber Ball Guns—hit the mark every time—harmless, too—while they last.....	29c	\$1.00 Air Rifles—150 shots—fine lasting guns—while they last.....	79c
98c Noah's Ark—with hundreds of all sorts of animals—cheek.....	39c	\$1.25 Large and complete Tool Chests, with saws, hatchets, etc., while they last.....	79c
39c Salve, etc., Boxes—with lovely choice while they last.....	19c	\$1.50 Extra large Desk, with black board, etc., while they last.....	79c
Ladies' Swiss Escaloped and Embroidered Handkerchiefs, worth up to 20c—In Basement, each.....	8c	Handkerchief Boxes of Leatherette, containing Swiss Handkerchiefs, for.....	85c
49c Fascinators of Black or White Ice Wool, Wednesday, on Second Floor, each.....	25c	Men's Slippers of Tan Leather—worth \$1.00—per pair.....	69c
Children's Aprons—In plain or checked nainsook, daintily embroidered and worth 75c and 85c, each.....	39c	Men's Handkerchiefs with initial—beautiful box, for.....	75c
85c Fascinators of Ice Wool, in black or white; also Zephyr Squares in all colors—Your choice at.....	49c	\$1.75 Comforts, covered with fast color chintz and white cotton filled—large size—each.....	98c
Dress Pattern—3 yards 34-inch heavy wool ladies' cloth—worth \$2.95—per pattern.....	\$1.75	Dress Pattern of 30-inch fleece lined Flannelette, worth \$1.50—In Basement, per pattern.....	\$1.00
65c Work Box—Fancy top celluloid—last.....	25c	Ladies' Shoes—Hand crocheted—high or low—worth \$1.25;.....	75c
\$1.25 Toilet Sets—and Work Boxes—last.....	75c	Men's Slippers—Of fine Russia Leather, and worth \$2.00;.....	\$1.25
\$2.00 Opera Glasses—Fancy enameled case—while they last.....	98c	\$1.98 Kitchen Safe—Two doors, with glass front—just the thing for Tea Sets, etc., cut to.....	93c
\$2.25 Toilet Sets—Fancy Celluloid Work Boxes, Glove other Holiday Boxes and Sets, worth from \$2.00 to \$2.50—choice, while they last.....	\$1.00	\$1.98 Tea Sets—Rich and lovely painted decorations—large size, complete sets—while they last.....	\$1.00
Dress Pattern—3 yards of 40-inch Illuminated tulle—combining color and silk, in many combinations of colors—worth \$4.50—per pattern.....	\$2.45	\$7.50 Desks—Oak, fine Rolling Top, nicely finished, elegant desks—while they last.....	\$4.25

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HANDEL'S MESSIAH,
By a Chorus of 250 Voices and the Symphony Orchestra.
Soloists—Miss Adelaide Kalkmann, Mrs. Olga Bolmann, Mr. W. Theodore Van Tuxem from New York, and Mr. David Vaughan from London.
Tickets can be had at Bolmann's, 514 N. BROADWAY, Secretary.

JEWELS IN DEBRIS.

MERMOD & JACCARD'S FIRE-PROOF VAULT REACHED BY THE SALVAGE CORPS.

IS ATTACKED FROM THE REAR.

It Contains \$250,000 Worth of Valuables, but Their Condition Is Not Known.

At 10 o'clock Tuesday morning the work of breaking into the fire and burglar proof vault in the ruins of the Mermod-Jaccard store was begun.

In that vault are \$250,000 worth of diamonds, jewelry, gold watches and other articles of value, including many things bought and paid for by customers of the house.

The firm, the insurance men and the friends of the house are interested in knowing the condition of the interior of that vault and a big crowd watched the preparation for the work. Much depends upon the condition of the goods locked inside. If the vault was fireproof, as claimed, the loss from the fire will be no greater than that already stated. But if the heat around the steel room ignited anything inside, great additional loss will have to be borne.

Several members of the firm, A. Whipple, insurance protective agent, representing the insurance companies, a number of fire insurance agents and Capt. Evans of the Salvage Corps, superintended the work. A number of policemen guarded the alley.

The workmen who broke into the vault were members of the Salvage Corps and half a dozen expert safe-men. It was decided the vault was most accessible from the rear and the workmen, with picks, tore a doorway into the wall and then set to work on the solid brick wall enveloping the steel strong-room.

After a doorway had been cut through the west wall from the rear of the store, a platform leading to the door of the vault. The combination knob of the door had been knocked off by a falling beam, but the safe experts anticipated little trouble in getting open the massive steel door. Before they could get to work Fire Chief Swingley and Assistant Chief Haines ordered them to stand back. James W. Bell and the officers of the St. Louis Safe Deposit and Savings Bank, on Locust street, at the northwest corner of the alley, between Broadway and Sixth street, complained to the authorities that they were afraid the high west wall of the burned building would topple and crush their building in. One of the clerks had insisted that he saw the wall sway several times.

The west wall is intact from the ground to where the roof was above the first floor. It towers many feet above the little two-story bank building, but twelve feet away at the corner of the alley, and the bank officers and clerks thought it endangered their lives.

Truck company No. 6 was ordered to the ruins and a ladder was run up to where the fourth floor had been. A man made a purchase loop knot for a stout thick wire rope. This was passed through the loop with a double turn and run out east to the Broadway street front where it was hauled taut and made fast.

The other end of the steel rope was passed over the roof of the bank and the other small buildings west, and made fast to a heavy telegraph pole on Sixth street. Thus the wall was effectively braced against falling and crushing in the little banking house.

Tuesday the city carts hauled away the rubbish from the street and the west sidewalk in front of the ruins was cleared so pedestrians could pass.

When the firemen pulled off a portion of the fourth wall between the fourth and fifth floor corners, weighing half a ton, was torn loose and came whirling down. It struck the street and made a hole nearly six feet square.

This hole had to be bridged over before pedestrians could pass on the sidewalk Tuesday morning.

Insurance men now think the salvage on the Mermod & Jaccard stock will amount to many thousands of dollars. In the cellar they say will be found bills of melted silver, undamaged bric-a-brac and many other articles but slightly injured. They think the sale of this stuff will considerably reduce the loss. At the big Ely & Walker drug store it was at first thought that the loss was total, but the salvage considerably cut down the liability of the insurance companies.

The thousands who make up the great holiday crowd in St. Louis may gaze with interest upon the grim walls and wrecks at Broadway and Locust than they do at the pretty Christmas things in the windows of the big stores.

Since the fire anybody who has business downtown goes over Broadway to see what the flames did. The result is that the east side of Broadway, from Olive street to St. Charles, is almost impassable. The police have orders to make pedestrians "pass on." and they have a great deal of trouble in doing it. Fifty officers from the Central District are on duty at the ruins, and despite their grim faces to them, and the fact that they are carrying their arms full of bundles they stop and stare at the stand pipe, each cupping as much sidewalk space as possible.

It is remarkable that no accident has occurred. Last Monday afternoon, when the crowd was the densest, it was decided to demolish two menacing interior walls, running back from Broadway and supposed to line, which the firemen were working so hard to tear down.

The most powerful steamer in the fire department was stationed at the pier at Broadway and St. Charles street. A double line of hose was laid to the stand pipe extending from the ground to the top of the Sprinckle "Clack" company's building, on top of the ruins. On top of this building another line of hose, with a five-inch nozzle, was connected with the stand pipe, and the signal for water was passed down to the engineer.

A strong stream was thrown on the weak back wall, thirty feet from the roof, where the firemen were hauling the hose. Bricks were sent flying through the air in all directions. They beat tattoos as they struck the roofs of passing street cars, and the motormen turned the controllers on and let their cars run while they hunted shelter as far back upon the platform as possible.

Bricks were hurled violently through the air as far as the east side walks. In vain the firemen tried to stop them.

There is a class of people who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee.

The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee.

It does not cost over 1/4 as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cents and 25 cents per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

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(OPPOSITE OLD STORE.)

The police stretched their ropes and tried to turn back the stream of passers-by, but that stream was like a mighty river and could not be turned from its course. Danger or no danger the throng of shoppers continued to rush by, and that the ambulances didn't have a busy hour of it was remarkable.

As Mayor Ziegenhain stood out in the street, consulting with Chief Swingley and the firemen, his hat and his physique established his identity to those who did not know him, and he was an object of great interest to the women on the crowded sidewalks.

According to Mr. W. C. Butterfield, adjuster for the Phoenix Insurance Company, the loss will be a simple affair.

As soon as the policies are produced," said Mr. Butterfield, "and application is made for payment on them, each company will appoint an adjuster. I, of course, will represent my company. The other companies will engage independent adjusters."

Butterfield said that he understood that the loss would be paid in full. It is less the amount lost will be paid. It is very simple.

The sale of the stock will show the value of the goods on hand at the last inventory. If the result is more than the policies call for, the balance will be paid in full. If it is less the amount lost will be paid. It is very simple.

After the losses have been adjusted the adjusters will sell all the stuff, probably by auction in bulk, and the money it brings will be distributed pro rata among the companies insured.

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HOESCH FEARED THE KNIFE.

Dread of an Operation, It Is Believed, the Cause of Suicide.

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MODJESKA IN "MAGDA."

"If you give us freedom, do not blame us if we make use of it," observes Magda in the interview with her stern old father just before he succumbs to the paralytic stroke.

The line partially solves the popularity with mature and thoughtful actresses of Sudermann's unquestionably strong and undeniably dreary play. It has never been popular with the public, but the greatest actresses of the century have clung to it persistently. It is an exploitation of types that no one appreciates so keenly as the player woman who knows the pains, the penalties and the pleasures of a career of art. The contrast between the highest development of the artistic type and the prosaicism of the Lutheran-Puritan character is the strongest feature of the play. Some members of the audience at the Olympic last night when Modjeska began her engagement in "Magda" seemed to grasp this; others did not. Magda is not a wicked woman; she is merely possessed of and by the artistic temperament. That others than Von Keller have "come into her life," as she delicately puts it, is quite clear, but she does not feel that she is a wanton. Her success has developed the ego in her as only an artistic success can develop it. "I am I," she says many times. Her power is within her, and she feels it, and she has grown to believe it is her own creation and not a gift of God. She is her own god. When her father asks her what is dearest to her, she replies quickly: "My art—no, no, my child. Given time to assert itself the maternal instinct took precedence over self, but the time was essential. Self was nearer the surface. The character is the dearest demonstration of vanity in great artists any playwright has given us. Probably that is why Bernhardt, Duse and Modjeska esteem the play. Each of them is old enough and wise enough to know herself, and each is generous enough to give the public a glimpse into her heart.

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A DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

Measures Taken to Defend the Inheritance Tax Law.

Special to the Post-Dispatch. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 21.—At a Democratic caucus, the sincerity of Attorney-General Aklin in defending the inheritance tax law in the United States Supreme Court was questioned by Trousdale, McLaughlin and others.

The discussion was brought out on the resolution of the caucus, the amount of the tax to be used in retaining counsel to be argued Jan. 12. A joint committee was appointed to draft a Democratic revenue bill.

BAD COMPANIONS HIS RUIN.

Henry Peppmiller Wants His Boy Sent to the Work-House.

Henry Peppmiller of 2117 North Second street procured a police summons Tuesday against his son, Henry, Jr.

Mr. Peppmiller says his boy is wild and unruly, and that he has frequently assaulted him. "Henry is only 20 years old," said Mr. Peppmiller, "and he has received a good education, and was always a peaceable lad until he began to associate with hard characters. A brief term in the work-house may do him good."

Palaces of Comfort.

Every luxury is provided for the traveler riding in one of the parlor-cars on the Illinois Central's Daylight Special for Chicago.

Reward for a Murderer.

SPECIAL TO THE POST-DISPATCH. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 21.—Gov. Stephens today offered a reward of \$200 for the arrest of Robert Rose Martin, who shot William Dearing, a police officer of Des Moines on Dec. 15, 1897. Reward is good for one year.

A Success.

The new parlor-cars on the Illinois Central's "Daylight Special" between St. Louis and Chicago are proving satisfactory and popular.

Filley Indorsed by the Fifth Ward.

The Fifth Ward McKinley League Club, at its meeting held Monday night, passed a series of resolutions indorsing Mr. Filley's recent course. Louis Becker presided as chairman, with Martin Zapp as secretary. A. W. Redman was unanimously adopted, which were unanimously adopted.

Oyler Carriage Co. Deed of Trust.

The George K. Oyler Carriage Co. filed a chattel deed of trust in the Recorder's office today to Charles Erd, giving a mortgage on 81 the firm's property at 43 and 410 Kim street to secure an indebtedness of \$2,500 to the State Bank and \$1,000 on a note.



A Christmas Clearing OF ALL Trimmed Hats

Brought Down from Our Wholesale Dept. and

PRICES CUT IN TWO.

Now is your chance to buy a beautiful Ladies' Misses' or Child's Trimmed Hat at half the wholesale price. See them in our corner window from 10 to 11 o'clock.

Ostrich Boas, worth \$5.00, at.....	\$3.75
Coque Boas, worth \$2.00, at.....	90c
Saltires, Walking Hats and Dress Shapes, sold from 50c to \$1.00; choice.....	25c
Baby Caps, worth 50c and 80c, choice.....	25c
Child's Tams, worth 50c, choice.....	25c
Silk and Velvet Rosses, worth 50c, choice.....	12c
Fancy Ribbons, 2 to 3 in. wide, sold from 25c to 45c, choice.....	15c

All Silk Face Veilings, worth 20c, at..... 5c

Fancy Stick Pins, gilt and silver ornaments, sold at 50c; choice at..... 5c



N. E. COR. BROADWAY AND LUCAS AVE.

The Great Sale of the Bankrupt Cloak Stock

Of E. C. Moulton & Co. will continue but THREE DAYS LONGER. That magnificent stock of Jackets, Capes, Fur Collar-ettes, Skirts and Waists must be CLOSED OUT within three days.

The Prices Are the Lowest Ever Known!

A Serviceable Holiday Present Is Always Appreciated.

HOLIDAY SHOPPERS

WILL FIND THE FOLLOWING STORES OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

For the Benefit of Those Unable to Make Their Purchases Earlier in the Day:

UNTIL CHRISTMAS ... WE WILL REMAIN OPEN EVERY EVENING

Until 10:30 O'CLOCK for the convenience of those who cannot purchase ...

HOLIDAY GIFTS

during the day. A large and complete line of HOLIDAY NOVELTIES.

ZERWECK BROS. GOLD AND SILVERSMITHS,

407-409 N. 6th St. West Side, Equitable Bldg.

OPEN EVENINGS. WHATEVER YOU WANT FOR A POLITE XMAS GIFT.

Get it at Wolff & Wilson's

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6TH AND WASHINGTON AV.

ALOE'S, 517 Olive St.

Open Every Night Until Christmas.

...Come as Early as Possible...

ALMOST 50 YEARS OF HONEST TRADING.

"The Reliable Jewelry Store of St. Louis"

WILL REMAIN OPEN EVERY EVENING UNTIL XMAS

For the benefit of their patrons, with the most beautiful Holiday Gifts in St. Louis.

The E. H. Kortkamp Jewelry Co.,

612 N. BROADWAY (Opposite Grand Leader and next to Siegel-Hillman's.)

HE PRECEDED PRESIDENTS.

Albert Hawkins, the Old White House Coachman, to Wed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—Albert Hawkins, the venerable coachman of the White House, who has served all the Presidents from Lincoln to Cleveland, is about to take unto himself a bride. Stylish invitations have been issued to the elite of both the white and colored society of Washington to attend the wedding of himself and Miss Isabella Williams.

Mr. Hawkins has a notable figure in all inaugural parades and public receptions from 1860 until Mr. Cleveland conceived that he was too old a man to pilot his person through the streets of Washington. President Harrison reinstated him during his administration, and before retiring to private life secured his appointment to a place in the Government Printing Office, which he now holds. The bride is employed as a laborer in the United States Bureau of Statistics. The marriage will be solemnized on the 23d. The old man is 70 years of age, but hale and hearty.

One Fare, Plus \$2.00.

The round trip rate for tickets via the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Ry. on sale Dec. 21. Tourist sleeping car berths reserved on application at ticket office, 105 North Broadway.

ARANGUREN IS ALIVE.

The Insurgent Leader Was Not Executed With Bail.

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 21.—The report that Col. Aranguren, the insurgent leader, was executed with Col. Ruiz, the Spanish peace envoy, is denied in a message from the Cuban Junta in Havana.

Benson's Porous Plaster.

Information of any kind is quickly drawn to the surface by the application of this plaster.

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WOLCOTT SICK OF HIS PLACE.

Colorado Senator Threatens to Resign.

IS INDIGNANT AT M'KINLEY.

SAYS THE PRESIDENT'S SUPPORT OF GAGE'S PLAN SHOWS HIM TO BE INSINCERE.

SENSELESS TRIP TO EUROPE.

Wolcott Thinks He Has Been Made Ridiculous by Being Sent on a Fool's Errand and His Self-Respect Demands His Resignation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—Senator Wolcott of Colorado has threatened to resign because of the backing given to Secretary Gage's financial schemes by the administration.

Verily Senator Chandler's prediction that McKinley's insistence upon a gold standard would split the Republican party has the virtue of a revelation.

Senator Wolcott, who is thoroughly indignant, declared that the President's endorsement of the Gage gold standard plan shows that he was insincere in sending the Monetary Commission abroad to negotiate for international bimetalism.

In other words, Senator Wolcott, who was chairman of that commission, chooses to believe that the President has placed him in a ridiculous position. He tells his friends that his self-respect demands that he resign from the Senate in order to show his disapproval of the proceedings, and also to protect himself against the charge that he willingly undertook a fool's errand or was an acquiescent party to a political trick.

It is not disclosed whether or not Senator Wolcott, if he should carry out the threat of resigning, would go back to Colorado for a vindication of his position. The fact is fully appreciated that Senator Wolcott must, within the next two years, reorganize himself with the people of his State or retire from public life.

When Senator Teller cast his lot with the Democrats, and the President's financial legislation in the Senate, several like-minded Senators, such as Carter, Mahan, Pettibone and possibly others, are believed to be only awaiting the opportunity to republish their fidelity to silver.

Many of the silver Senators have obtained all the patronage they can expect from this administration, and they are not likely to be re-elected. They will welcome a favorable opportunity to

regain the confidence and approval of their constituents and insure their own continuance in public life.

HUBINGER'S LATEST SCHEME.

Will Build an Electric Road Through Calhoun County.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
QUINCY, Ill., Dec. 21.—J. C. Hubinger, the Keokuk, Io., capitalist who recently bought the Empire theater here, together with local capitalists, contemplate building an electric railway from Quincy through Calhoun County, the Illinois county which at present is without a railroad or telegraph line, and they do so without a church. Mr. Hubinger, who also proposed to run a telephone line from St. Louis to Keokuk, there to connect with his Keokuk, Burlington & Ft. Madison lines, does not think well of the idea of stopping off short in Calhoun County, but insists on running the electric line through to St. Louis. The road, if built, will carry both freight and passengers. It is estimated that it could be built for \$12,000 to \$15,000 a mile. Between Perry and Payson, a point that would be reached, there is a big vein of coal. The gentlemen interested will hold a meeting shortly in either Quincy or Keokuk.

THE ICE HARVEST.

Preparations for the Big Industry Are Now Under Way.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
KEOKUK, Io., Dec. 21.—Preparations will soon begin for the annual ice harvest, which is cut here every year as soon as the thickness of the frozen surface permits the use of horses to draw the markers and plows. Hundreds of tons of ice are shipped here every year to St. Louis and other Southern dealers. As soon as a man can crawl out on the ice, the fields are staked out and marked, and it is a case of "first come first served," as the Government is no respecter of persons in this regard. None is cut in the river itself, as it is seldom frozen over entirely, except in extremely cold weather, and even then the rapids make the working of the ice fields there highly dangerous. The operations are now all confined to the United States Government canal, in which there is practically no current, and where the water freezes very readily. There, in the cutting season, is a very busy scene. At Burlington and Fort Madison, farther up the river, the cutting is done in the river itself. In the former place the health department of the city government has taken up the matter of ice cutting this year and no ice can be sold in the city that has not been cut where the board shall direct. Last year ice was cut from the Burlington side of the river, where much sewage is known to be thrown in. All the ice this year will be inspected except that which is to be shipped to other places. Here no such trouble exists, as the water in the canal is uncontaminated.

Ice Harvest Is Ready.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
QUINCY, Ill., Dec. 21.—The ice harvesters today begin to work making out beds of ice. Ice cutting will begin in a day or two.

It's Getting Colder.

Therefore it's time to go South. Call at the Illinois Central ticket office, 23 North Broadway, for information about Florida and all winter resorts South and Southeast.

The Female Game Warden.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
QUINCY, Ill., Dec. 21.—Miss Anna Metcalf, the woman appointed game warden of the Chickamauga Park Commission, was yesterday in the Nashville & Chattanooga road, the daughter of John Metcalf, who at present runs a saloon at the corner of Third and Main streets, and a cousin of Mrs. Ellen Swain of this city. She is living with her sister in Colorado.

EVERY ONE WAS PROMPTLY WAITED ON YESTERDAY!

REMEMBER, OLIVE AND SIXTH STS.

E. JACCARD JEWELRY CO.

FOUNDED 1829.

The Real Christmas Buying Commenced Yesterday. Come Early To-Morrow. We are Prepared to Supply Your Wants Promptly, as We Have Increased Our Force of Salespeople.

THE LARGEST AND FINEST STOCK IN THE CITY.

WE ARE YOUR MONEY-SAVERS.

OPEN UNTIL 9 P. M.

REMEMBER,

NOTICE—We have our own Engraving and Stationery Plant, assuring to our customers prompt and accurate work, always under our own supervision.

OLIVE AND SIXTH STS.

OUT-OF-TOWN ORDERS FILLED DAY OF RECEIPT.

A DARK MYSTERY.

A Woman Impersonates the Wife of a Dead Negro and Gets Damages.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 21.—About a year ago Sam Steagall, colored, an employee of the Chickamauga Park Commission, was killed by a train on the tracks of the Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad. Shortly thereafter a suit was brought against the Nashville & Chattanooga road and the Memphis & Charleston, both of which use the same tracks, by a woman giving the name of Luby Steagall and claiming to be the widow of the dead man. The jury gave a verdict in favor of the woman for the sum of \$1,000, and the Nashville & Chattanooga road. The railroad entered a motion for a new trial, which motion was heard to-day, when it was shown by the

attorneys for the railroad that the woman bringing the suit had never been married to Steagall; that his widow was living in Georgia; that the woman bringing the suit had impersonated the real wife to the extent of claiming her maiden name; and had used the dates of the marriage of Steagall to the real wife and details from the records of the Court-house in Walker County, Ga., where the marriage had taken place.

Fighting Christian Scientists.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 21.—Lincoln ministers have begun a vigorous crusade against the Christian Scientists, who have become so numerous and prosperous here that they have just bought a \$50,000 building that a Protestant denomination had sold over its head. The crusade takes the form of a campaign from the pulpit, together with social ostracism.

ROBBED CARR'S BODY.

A Ring Taken From the Murderer's Finger While He Was Hanging.

LIBERTY, Mo., Dec. 21.—Ernest Fichtmaster, about 20 years old, was arrested yesterday at his home in the country on the charge of taking a ring from the finger of Fillette Carr, as the body was hanging to the rope. Fichtmaster was in the crowd that rushed into the stockade after being kept out until Carr's body had dropped. There was a jam about the suspended body. Fichtmaster admits taking the ring, but says he intended to give it to the relatives. A brother of Mrs. Carr had the arrest made.

TAX PAYERS, ATTENTION.

If you have not paid your taxes do so before January 1st, 1898, and save penalty and costs.

CHAS. F. WENNEKER,

NEW CITY HALL.

Collector of Revenue.

"THE MYSTERY OF THE FOUR COURTS."

A Story of India, England, Missouri and Australia, Showing How the Veil of Mystery About a St. Louis Crime Was Lifted.

SYNOPSIS OF CHAPTER I.

The body of a man has been found in a trunk at the Hotel Northern in a room assigned to Philip Keller. He has disappeared, and so has Frank Rashwell, engaged to marry Miss Agnes Dressler. By a mistake she received a letter intended for Philip Rashwell, Frank's brother. It speaks of the recovery of a wonderful stone and his intended return to England. The writing in this letter corresponds with the writing on a slip of paper found in the room where the body lay, reading: "No perish all traitors to the cause."

An interested spectator to the workings of the police was an Oriental, introduced by letters to Chief Lawrence as Mustapha Ben Ashmud, a police officer of India.

Miss Dressler's Challenge.

Chief of Police, New York City: Prevent selling of Frank Rashwell, six feet, two inches tall, broad shoulders, large features, clear cut mustache, jet black hair, dark eyes, and a fine nose. Believed he will try to leave by steamer City of Paris.

The Major hastily wrote the above while Detective Sallender was summing up other officers. The telegram was dispatched and the Chief began to instruct his subordinates. The veteran's eyes sparkled, but he was as cool and self-possessed as if ordering a change in a detail of patrolmen for the downtown district. He seemed a mystery and began to suspect that the cards against him had been carefully played. If his hastily formed theory was correct he would find men of intelligence, wealth and social position to battle with. It was already an unusual case and it promised great developments. But whatever his emotion it was concealed.

Detectives Smith, Cunneen and Lacey had entered the room with Sallender and were standing by his desk. "Cunneen," he said to a tall, good natured Irishman, "take a cab and drive to No. 16 Vandorpool avenue. Ask Mrs. Dressler and her daughter, Miss Agnes Dressler, to accompany you to Four Courts. Tell them we have news concerning the one in whom they are interested. Be sure that Mrs. Dressler brings with her a letter which she showed me this morning."

"Smith," and the Chief turned to a short, heavy-set, beetle-browed individual, "you accompany Cunneen to that house. Before he speaks to the women, as I have directed, you make inquiries concerning one Frank Rashwell. Write the name down so you won't forget. Read-a-b-e-e-l. That's correct. Ascertain what hotel or boarding-house he occupied, where he visited and who his friends were. Now both go."

The two detectives left. "By the way, Sallender," questioned the Major, "have you an idea of the whereabouts of the occupant of that room—Philip Keller?"

"No sir."

"And the body has not been identified?"

"No sir."

"Very well. Lacey, go at once to the Northern and find out all you can about Philip Keller and be back in an hour. Ascertain particularly if he answers this description," and the Major handed him a carbon copy of the message he had sent to New York.

Now," said the Chief, turning to Sallender when the third detective had gone, "tell me in detail of your investigation at the hotel."

The officer drew up a chair. "I found the room locked," said he, "and Patrolman McMahon stationed there. He said no one had entered except the man from the Central District who removed the body. I found the gas still burning and there was a peculiar, pungent odor in the apartment as of a lingering incense. The curtains were drawn. I let in daylight and set to work."

"The trunk was open, just as the officer left it. There was a quantity of coarsely woven material on the inside, proving the body had been placed there soon after the blow had been struck. The trunk was canvas covered, almost as large as a Saratoga, and bears the trade mark of this London house," and he handed the Chief a slip of paper.

"In a corner of the trunk I found a wad resembling cotton, but the fiber was slightly coarser. It was from this the peculiar odor came and when I held it closely to my nostrils I became quite dizzy."



VDS" SHE CRIED, "ALL OF YOU TRYING TO FIX A HORRIBLE CRIME ON ONE WHO IS INNOCENT."

unwrapping a package he exhibited a stone. It was of peculiar formation and exceedingly porous. The Chief looked at it for a minute then summoned his secretary. "Mr. Reespey, have a man take this to Adams University and ask one of the professors to tell me what it is. Let him wait and bring me a written report."

"Also on the floor near the bureau, I found this hat," and he produced another package. "You will notice a dent in the side as if it had been struck a blow. The makers you will see are English. There was another trunk in the room. It was filled with clothing. There was also clothing in the bureau drawers. Here is a complete inventory. Half the clothing was evidently bought in this country and bears no private mark; the remainder was purchased in London and is stamped or embroidered with the initials 'P. K.'"

"There was nothing else in the room that would throw any light on the case."

"I questioned the employees concerning Philip Keller. None remembered having seen him. He arrived at midnight Tuesday, and the clerk who registered him will not be on duty until 1 o'clock this afternoon."

"From the hotel I went to the Morgue. The body had not been touched. It was, as stated in the report, entirely naked. But I discovered what had been overlooked in the dark room, this chain," and he drew a thread-like object from his pocket.

"The Major examined it carefully. 'Why,' he exclaimed, 'this is the most exquisite workmanship. I believe it is made of platinum.'"

"Yes," said Sallender, "and you will notice on close examination that each link is perfectly formed. It reached almost to the man's waist from around his neck, yet it weighs scarcely an ounce."

"Ah, see here," exclaimed the Chief, who had been inspecting the chain through a large glass he had taken from the table. "Look at this swivel. It has been bent and broken. Something was fastened there and has been torn away. No, I can see the rough marks of a tool. Whatever was fastened there has been filed off. That reminds me, Sallender, when the ladies arrive I will show you a letter the elder of the two will have. You will notice the bearing it has on this case. Now describe the body."

"It is that of a man about 35," said the detective. "He might have been English, American or French—I should say the former. The face misled me at first it is so swarthy; then I noticed the whiteness of the rest of the body, and concluded he had passed a part of his life in tropical climates. He was about 5 feet 8 inches tall, and wore a long, curling mustache. It is black and so is the hair, but they have been dyed. His hands have been carefully kept, and show that he did not labor with them."

"And the wounds?" questioned the Chief.

"They were made with a long knife that was thrust deep. The one in the left side did not touch the heart, for the blade glanced off a rib, but the cut on the neck severed the jugular."

"On the face were many cuts, which will make it difficult to identify the body. They were in the form of crosses and were evidently done for the purpose of preventing immediate recognition by one acquainted with the victim. In one nostril was what resembles a bamboo twig, so pressed as to hold something in place and I believe that the wad of absorbing cotton was thus kept in the nose and was jolted out when the men lifted the body."

"Were there any signs on the carpet of a struggle?"

"No, sir; nowhere, save in the trunk."

"That is singular," mused the Chief.

excellency, au revoir, as they say in France," and Mustapha Ben Ashmud bowed low and left the room.

"Clever man, that," remarked the Chief to his subordinate, then they resumed discussion of the murder case.

Fifteen minutes later Detective Cunneen entered the room, accompanied by Mrs. Dressler and her daughter. The latter was no longer veiled. Her comely face was lighted up with smiles and she stepped in advance of her mother to the Chief's desk.

"O, Major, I am so glad! You have some news for me. Please say what it is."

"Yes," he replied, slowly, "I have some news, but I must ask you to step into the next room and let me talk with your mother before I tell you."

She clutched the back of his chair and swayed as if to fall. Cunneen ran to her side, but she recovered herself by a great effort and said low, but firmly:

"No, no, Major. You must tell me. Is he dead?" All the color had left her face and she stared at the police official awaiting his answer.

"No, he is not dead, nor hurt in any manner, so far as we know. Indeed our information is of a negative nature, and its value depends greatly upon some questions I wish to ask your mother. I would prefer to ask her alone. Mr. Cunneen will show you into a comfortable room where there are books and papers, and I think you can trust your mother and me to watch out for your interests."

"Now, Mrs. Dressler," said the Major, when the door was closed, "this is Mr. Sallender, whom I have given charge of the case. Will you please let him see the letter which I read this morning?"

She looked at the two wonderingly as she passed over the thin piece of paper.

The detective perused it and an exclamation of surprise escaped him when he came to the part that referred to the stone.

When he had studied the epistle Maj. Lawrence handed him the slip of paper that had been found at the Hotel Northern.

"The same," ejaculated Sallender.

The Chief made an affirmative gesture.

"Now, Mrs. Dressler, I must beg you to listen to an unpleasant recital," he said, and forthwith he began the story of the finding of the body and subsequent events.

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALES.

ACCOUNTANT—An A. I. accountant will post up set of books several evenings during the week for small compensation. Ad. T 676, Post-Dispatch.

ADVERTISING—Wanted, advertising to do in ten towns, terms reasonable and good work guaranteed. L. L. Leonard, Pekin, Ind.

ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTSMAN, having five years' experience, wants situation; will work for \$5 week until April 1. Address H 1683, Post-Dispatch.

BARTENDER—Wanted, sit. by a bartender; good work; must have no children; wants steady Saturday and Sunday job. Ad. A. R. Reed, 4610 Bell av. Ad. A 678, Post-Dispatch.

BARTENDER—Situation wanted as first-class bartender; all references; sober. Ad. E 683, Post-Dispatch.

BARTENDER—Situation wanted by first or second-class bartender; can give good refs. Ad. A 678, Post-Dispatch.

BARTENDER—Situation wanted by an experienced bartender; have been in business 7 years; would like a position in some first-class bar. Ad. A 688, Post-Dispatch.

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BOOKKEEPER—Wanted, situation; bookkeeper, clerk or stenographer; experience; have plenty of brains and muscle; know how to use both. Ad. O 682, Post-Dispatch.

BOY—Of 17, would like work of some kind; understands the care of horses. Ad. P 681, Post-Dispatch.

BUTLER—Colored boy wishes a position in house as butler; city references. Apply at 1506 Gratiot st., Correllia College.

CLERK—A young man from the country, German, well educated, experienced in grocery business, wants a place in a grocery store; well recommended. Ad. M 678, Post-Dispatch.

CLERK—Wanted, position of any kind by energetic young man; experienced grocery clerk; reasonable salary. Ad. M 686, Post-Dispatch.

CLERK—Situation wanted by first of January by competent grocery clerk and bookkeeper; 5 years' experience and references; sole solicitor. Ad. E 676, Post-Dispatch.

COLLECTOR—Wanted, situation as collector; references satisfactory. Ad. H 681, Post-Dispatch.

COOK—Wanted, situation in a restaurant or hotel by a first-class, experienced cook. Ad. Alfred Barrett, 730 S. 8th st., Post-Dispatch.

DETECTIVE—Wanted, a position as private detective; experience all over the world; satisfaction guaranteed; everything confidential. Address O 682, Post-Dispatch.

DRIVER—Wanted, sit. by a young colored man as team driver; aged 25; good ref. 4291 Olive st.

ENGINEER—Wanted, position as stationary engineer; out of city preferred. Ad. P 678, Post-Dispatch.

ENGINEER—Sit. wanted by an engineer and electrician of 8 years' experience; none but those who want a good position; a hustler need write. Chas. W. W. Kansas, Ill.

FIREMAN—A young man wants a position firing a stationary boiler; can give good references. Ad. E 679, Post-Dispatch.

FURNACE AND HOUSEMAN—White, single, strong, active, age 50; do anything; small wages; good references. Address X 682, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Situation wanted by colored man in private family; can do housework and take care of horse; good city references. Call 224 N. 13th st.

MAN—Wants home situation; experienced with horses, cows, gardens, hothouses, greenhouse, furnace, etc.; best references. Ad. K 683, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—A young German man of 19 wants work of any kind; willing to work. Ad. O 677, Post-Dispatch.

MAN AND WIFE—From country, want work in private family; man to tend horses; woman to do housework. Ad. B 676, Post-Dispatch.

PAINTER—Wanted, situation by painter; experienced and patient; will do any kind of painting; man; handy with tools. Call or address Henry Hesser, 215 Middle st.

PREMANN—Job and cylinder premann wants work; wages not fixed. Ad. B 667, Post-Dispatch.

PRINTER—Situation wanted by a printer as a two-blinder in daily or machine office in or near St. Louis or on a good reference. Address W 681, Post-Dispatch.

SALESMAN—Wants to represent a line in Iowa that's a taker; an first-class; references and bond. Ad. 888, Belvidere, Mo.

WATER—Wanted, situation by experienced waiter or second cook. Ad. D 683, Post-Dispatch.

WRITING MASTER—Wants position in school or college; will teach a class of 8. Ad. A 681, Post-Dispatch.

YOUNG MAN—Wanted, situation by young man in grocery or saloon; best of references. Ad. O 683, Post-Dispatch.

YOUNG MAN—Wants situation in a cigar store, with a view of doing office business; will invest \$100 with the right parties. Ad. B 670, Post-Dispatch.

\$2.50 UP—Pants to order. Meritt Tailoring Co., 215-217 N. 8th st., near Olive.

\$10.00 UP—Suits and Overcoats to order. Meritt Tailoring Co., 215-217 N. 8th st., near Olive.

HELP WANTED—MALES.
14 words or less, 10c.
Business Announcements, 10c per line.

COOK WANTED—A good man cook for hotel, N. W. cor. 20th and Market st.

COOK WANTED—2 pastry cooks and bakery, country, free pass; office for deduction from wages. National Employment Co., 113 N. 6th.

DISHWASHERS WANTED—Three first-class hotel dishwashers; male; apply to Hotel Nordmahl, 50th and Franklin av.

FREE TREATMENT for all private and blood diseases. General Dispensary, 1408 Franklin av.

GOVERNMENT POSITIONS—Don't prepare for the post-office or other civil service examination until you see our illustrated catalogue of information. Sent free. Columbia Correspondence College, Washington, D. C.

MACHINIST WANTED—First-class machine man, capable of running either Horwath, Campbell, or National machines; good wages and steady work. Fremont Sashery Co., Fremont, Neb.

MAN WANTED—Young German, with musical inclination, commencing at low wages. Ad. L 611, Post-Dispatch.

MEN WANTED—Men to do advertising; good salary paid workers; send life silver for contract. The Curtis Co., 500 Grand, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

OPERATOR WANTED—A good operator on ladies' turned shoes. Demorey Shoe Company, 300 N. 1st st.

OX-BLOOD TON—Looks and feels like a \$25 check of 15 lbs. shape. H. Harris, 34 Shaw Mass. 520 Elm st.

PORTER WANTED—A porter for barber shop; apply at once. 3227 Easton av.

PRIVATE Dispensary a specialty at Franklin Avenue Free Dispensary, 1214 Franklin av.

SALESMAN WANTED—Experienced in wrapping paper business; for Alabama, Mississippi and for Southern cities. P. O. Box 575, Atlanta, Ga.

SALESMAN WANTED—To sell cigars to dealers; salary \$60 to \$200 per month and expenses; experience unnecessary; permanent position. The De Mora Cigar Co., Springfield, O.

SALESMAN WANTED—For one of the oldest, most reliable businesses in the West; we offer extensive territory and good-paying salary; energetic, reliable parties; good outfit furnished. Ad. Willie Nunn, Nevada, Kan.

SALESMAN WANTED—Good salary; steady work. First National Nurseries, Rochester, N. Y.

SALESMAN WANTED—We want six salesmen for Iowa; must be stayers and clovers; best returns to each. Ad. 50 Grand, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

SALESMAN WANTED—Salary \$60 per month and expenses; a permanent position to the right kind of a man. Call between 2 and 5 p. m. at room 9, 2d floor, Equitable Bldg.

THE LATEST Thing Out—You can learn the barber trade thoroughly in 8 weeks and have steady employment in city country. For particulars call on or address Mother's Barber College, 1107 Vine st.

WATER WANTED—A short-order (male) waiter; apply at once. 5 Market st.

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408 Market st. Illustrating for newspapers and magazines taught. Students received how. Day and night classes. Send for circular.

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24 Union Trust Building; exclusively for young men; position secured for graduates. "Young Men's Telephone 2004."

HELP WANTED—MALES.

Business Announcements, 10c per line.

SHOE FITTERS WANTED—Shoe fitters, lining makers and girls to learn. 3050 Cass av.

SHOEMAKER WANTED—A good shoemaker; bring tools. 2707 1/2 Franklin av.

SHOEMAKER WANTED—First-class shoemaker; no other need apply. 1411 Boyle av.

SOLICITORS WANTED—A few good solicitors for an electric curling iron heater; just out. Ad. T. O. Box 608.

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For every stove or range made in the United States to be had at A. G. BRAUER, 219 Locust.

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALES.
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A GERMAN LADY wishes a place to wash and iron; she is a widow; no children; no postals answered. 3515 St. Ferdinand.

A GIRL of 17 wishes a situation as housekeeper and nursing; please call. 1424 South Thirteenth.

CASHIER—Wanted, situation as cashier in restaurant. 245 Chestnut st.

CASHIER—Position wanted by lady as cashier in drug store, restaurant or candy place; references and bond. Ad. T 681, Post-Dispatch.

COMPANION—Wanted, a position as companion by a young lady, graduate of High School, who can give as reference some of the leading families of St. Louis. Ad. P 679, Post-Dispatch.

COMPANION—Bellevue woman wants place as companion or to do light housework. Ad. B 678, Post-Dispatch.

COOK—Wanted, situation by French cook in private family. 2508 N. 1st st.

COOK—A colored woman wants a good place as cook and housemaid. 412 Sargy av.

COOK—Situation wanted by a strictly first-class cook in a private family; can give good ref. 924 N. 15th st.

COOK AND HOUSEMAID—Situations wanted by 2 sisters for cook and housemaid; no washing; good references. 5622 New Manchester av.

DRESSMAKER—First-class dressmaker wishes a few more engagements. \$1.50 per day. 1941 Dwyer st.

DRESSMAKER—Miss M. Ficken makes men's and women's clothes; will go with the day for \$1.50 or take work home. Call at 1300 Washington av.

HOUSEGIRL—Sit. wanted to do light housework; good home preferred to high wages. 2002 Market st.

HOUSEGIRL—Situation wanted by good German girl for general housework. Call at 1516 Blair st., near Olive.

HOUSEKEEPER—Middle-aged country woman wants a place as housekeeper. 1113 S. 13th st.

LAUNDRESS—Wanted, sit. by first-class washerwoman to take home. 4142 Sargy av.

LAUNDRESS—Sit. wanted by a first-class laundress to take washing home or out. 2021 Bell av.

LAUNDRESS—Sit. wanted as laundress by the day by a good German woman. Call 224 N. 13th st.

NURSE—Situation wanted by professional nurse. 1216 Spring av.

NURSE—Young woman who is good, practical school nurse wants work at \$1 per day; best city references. Ad. M. D. O 679, Post-Dispatch.

WANTED, by dressmaker, to sew in family; \$1.25 per day; children's clothes \$1; no objection to suburbs. 2742 Dayton.

WOMAN—Wanted, by widow lady, with two children, sit. for work of some kind that can be taken home. Call or address 2721 Papin st.

WOMAN—Situation wanted by a German woman to do general housework. Call 2112A Olive st., bet. 6 and 12 e. m.

YOUNG LADY would like position as clerk in laundry office; experience; can furnish references. Address M 683, Post-Dispatch.

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APRENTICES WANTED—Three good girls for apprenticeship; to learn dressmaking; 1. R. Rosenthal Millinery Co., 7th and Washington av.

COOK WANTED—A white cook; no washing. 2029 Washington av.

COOK WANTED—German girl to cook, wash and iron; small family; 444 West Pine st.

COOK WANTED—German girl; neat and good cook. 6419 Chabanne pl.

COOK WANTED—A girl to cook; must be a good cook. 2130 Olive st.

COOK WANTED—Good girl to cook and do general housework. 2812 Locust st.

COOK WANTED—A good cook at once. 1424 Locust st.

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HOUSEGIRL WANTED—A good, steady girl for housework. 3424 Morgan st.

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HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Good German girl for general housework; must be good cook. 3432 Bell av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—German girl for general housework in family of 2; references required. 2703 S. Jefferson av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl about 15 to assist in housework; good home. 918 S. 18th st.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl for general housework; family of three; no children. 4006 West Belle pl.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Experienced girl for general housework; small family. 4442 Morgan st.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—German girl; must wash and iron. 2107 Park av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl for general housework; must be good cook; big pay for good work. Apply at 2230 Park av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl for general housework; no washing. 3034 Magnolia.

LAUNDRESS WANTED—A first-class laundress 1 day in the week; apply at once. 3542 Heurietta st.

LINING MAKERS WANTED—3 lining makers and 1 girl to run signing machine. Demorey Shoe Co. Apply at 2230 Park av.

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SALESLADIES WANTED—Experienced salesladies, German preferred. 4017 West Pine st.

SALESLADY WANTED—Young saleslady for home or store; must have best of references; apply to night between 6 and 7 o'clock. K. B. Floral Company, 602 Olive st.

WAITRESS WANTED—An experienced dining-room girl for restaurant.

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WOMAN WANTED—Elderly woman, white or colored, for light housework. 4705 Easton av., near 14th Olive st.

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AGENTS WANTED—Everywhere to handle my new imitation gold and silver toe watches; just out and perfect time pieces; \$4 a dozen, postpaid; send 50c in stamps for sample or \$1 for 6 and start work at once. H. T. Baker, 500 Bloomfield st., Hoboken, N. J.

AGENTS WANTED—General agent, with small sum to invest in stock, wanted in every city; just out; sells at list in every home; \$20 a day earned easily. Write to today, American Wire Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa.

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PURSE—Lost, purse containing money and letters Friday night. Return purse and letters to 2831 S. 7th st. and get reward.

STICKPIN—Lost, diamond horseshoe stickpin, Saturday on Easton av. Return to John Higgins, 54 Lafayette Dress Shop Co., Cooler 2, and receive reward.

WATCH AND CHAIN—Lost, at Bar's, Friday, ladies gold watch and chain. Liberal reward if returned to 4574 Laclede av.

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MINING.
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FOR ALASKA MAP AND KLONDIKE NEWS send 10c to Charles Smith & Co., Seattle, Wash.

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INVESTMENT—Bonanza monopoly; envelope can be opened without detection; patented Oct. 12; 1912. Offered for sale in U. S., sale or trade. 2211 Market st.

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FOX—For sale, male fox for 1 year old; fine specimen and ret. France. Rock River Fox Farm, 1000 N. 1st st., Rock River, Ill.

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ST. LOUISANS ARE JUBILANT.

The Committee of Prominent Citizens Return From Washington With Victory Written on Banners.

Members of the leading St. Louis mercantile organizations and officials of the Loyal Legion, were jubilant Tuesday when it was learned their efforts in behalf of Jefferson Barracks had been crowned with success.

A special committee, Gen. John W. Turner, Col. S. W. Fordyce, C. H. Spencer and D. M. Houser went to Washington to ask that Jefferson Barracks be raised to the dignity of a first-class military post. Secretary of War Alger assured the committee that the barracks would be no improved that they would be second to none.

A regiment of infantry, two troops of cavalry and a light battery will be stationed at the post. This will raise it to the dignity of a Brigadier-General's command. The infantry regiment will probably be the 15th, now stationed at El Paso, Tex.

The cavalry troops will be the pick of the Third Cavalry. The light battery will be selected in a few days. It is believed the post will be under command of Col. Bates, a son of Edward Bates, once a distinguished St. Louisian and Attorney-General in Lincoln's cabinet.

The improvement of the barracks will soon be completed. The new officers' quarters are almost ready for occupancy. The parade ground between the officers' residences will be laid out early in the spring. It will be 50 feet wide and 1,800 feet long.

Appropriations up to date amount to \$127,000. An effort will be made to secure an additional \$200,000.

A portion of the money is to be used to purchase a 70-acre tract south of the barracks for a drill ground.

About a year ago a special commission was appointed by the War Department to inspect the post and report on its availability for military purposes. Col. Guy V. Henry, then in command, was chairman of the commission. His manner and utterances gave rise to well-defined fears that the commission would make an adverse report.

St. Louisans acted promptly. A committee of prominent citizens appeared before the commission. The appropriation of \$127,000 for improvements followed. Col. Henry was transferred to Fort Assiniboine, Mont.

The announcement of the projected improvement of the barracks is regarded as a signal victory for St. Louis. When the plans are carried out Jefferson Barracks will be on a par with Fort Sheridan, the crack Chicago post.

FIRE ALARM CABLE A TARGET.

Damaged in Three Places by Men Celebrating With Guns.

The advent of a holiday gives Superintendent Benedict of the fire alarm and police telegraph system a nervous day. It is not the celebrating or noise that he objects to but the careless and reckless shooting of firearms without regard to whether they are loaded or not.

A few moments ago the operators in the main office began to notice that they were getting a good deal of what is technically known as "cross talk." Investigation showed that the trouble was in the cable line from the Court-house to the fire and police stations.

All connections were tested without locating the trouble. Finally an inspection was made of the cable. Inspector Bob Quinn was sent out with a line crew and a long ladder which reached from the sidewalk to the stand overhead. Foot by foot, beginning at the Court-house end, the cable was scrutinized. At Seventh street and Franklin avenue a break was found. Somewhere between the two streets the body of the cable was found to be frayed and the wires exposed.

At Seventh and Chestnut streets, right on the turn, somebody had let a shot go and on which must have hit a wire as big as the end of a man's thumb and had knocked a kink in the cable which tangled the wires so they had to be spliced in broken places. When the last break was repaired the circuits were clear and distinct.

JEFFERSON CLUB ELECTION.

Bradyites Will Probably Put No Ticket in the Field.

The Jefferson Club will hold its annual meeting for the election of officers at the club-rooms, 302 Olive street, Jan. 20. The Brady faction is in a quandary as to the placing of a ticket in opposition to that headed by Joseph Folk.

The election of Mr. Folk for President and George W. Allen for First Vice-President is already conceded, and the Bradyites are now in doubt as to the wisdom of nominating candidates for the remainder of the officers.

The black eye their exalted leader received in being blackballed a few days ago has rather dwarfed their hopes of success, and they are dubious as to whether their combined strength could even elect a Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Folk, when asked about the situation, said: "We will have a walk-over. I have received a tip that a walk-over will be received, and it is quite possible the Brady faction will not attempt to make a show-up."

COUPID BUSY IN TEXAS, MISSOURI AND KENTUCKY.

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SHOES. Philadelphia Bankrupt Stock. Ladies', Misses' and Children's rubbers. 9c

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Some of our Boys' Suits and Boys' Overcoats are marked one-half of the price that they were intended to be sold for.

NOTICE—Boys' School Suits, ages 8 to 15, with extra pants, price \$3, \$3.50 and \$4. They are all-wool fabrics.

MILLS & AVERILL, Broadway and Pine.

Team Owners Are for Good Roads.

Nearly two hundred members of the Team Owners' Association met Monday evening, admitted twenty-three new members and elected the following officers for 1938: President, Thomas Sanders; Vice-President, Charles Heldman; Secretary, H. W. Weisberger; Treasurer, F. Graubner.

The association decided that it would look better after the condition of public thoroughfares and public drinking fountains. A resolution was adopted to have the Executive Committee co-operate with the promoters of the good roads movement.

Master Builders Elect Officers.

The Master Builders' Association chose the following officers Monday to serve for the ensuing year: President, J. D. Fitzgibbon; First Vice-President, George Itner; Second Vice-President, E. D. Morley; Secretary, Adam Bauer; Treasurer, James H. Bright; and C. Linenkolb, Trustees. The officers will be installed next Monday.

Coasters Hurt on Dissell Hill.

Charles Peill of 238 Ober avenue, was treated at the No. 2 Dispensary Monday night for a sprained hand. He said he had been coasting on a double sled down Dissell Hill. The sled was occupied by three boys and four girls. It struck a telegraph pole and threw all off, badly injuring them. He said he didn't know the names of his companions.

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LAWRENCEBURG, Ky., Dec. 21.—Diamond Bentley, an old Union soldier, and Miss Mattie McLennan, aged 27, were married yesterday in the middle of Main street during a drenching rain. Bentley is Kentucky's poet laureate.

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